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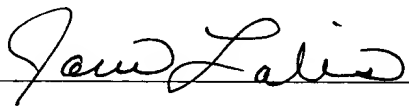
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
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Box PCT Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Express Mailing label number <u>EL 809 716 965 US</u> Date of Deposit: <u>17 October 2001</u> I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 . Name: <u>Jane Lalis</u> Signature: <u></u>
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Dear Sir:

On April 24, 2001, the U.S. Receiving Office mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371, requesting that a Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventors be filed. The Declaration, which has been executed by one of the named inventors, Keith Mario Torpy, is enclosed. However, Assignee Electrolux Home Products Pty Limited ("Electrolux") has been unable to locate or contact the second inventor, David M. Gehrig, to obtain his signature on the Declaration to be filed in the present case. Therefore, the following documents are submitted in this Response:

1. Declaration signed by Keith Mario Torpy, one of the two inventors.

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2. Added page to Declaration signed by Keith Mario Torpy on behalf of David M. Gehrig.
3. Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest in Invention from Keith Mario Torpy to Electrolux.
4. Certified copy of an Agreement dated November 18, 1999 between David Gehrig and Email Limited ("Email") assigning his rights to Email.
5. Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor signed by Assignee.

The assignment history of this invention includes Mr. Torpy assigning his interest in the invention directly to Electrolux and Mr. Gehrig assigning his interest in the invention to Email, which then assigned its interest to Electrolux. The assignment of this application by Email to Electrolux cannot be found presently after diligent effort. Electrolux is continuing to search for the Assignment transferring ownership of this invention from Email Limited to Electrolux Home Products Pty Limited to show complete chain of title from Mr. Gehrig to Electrolux. This document will be submitted upon its receipt.

Enclosed herewith is payment in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge for submitting the oath or declaration after twenty or thirty months from the priority date. Also, a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed with payment of \$1,440.00. If additional fees are required, you are hereby authorized to charge the Dorsey & Whitney LLP deposit account No. 04-1415.

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Respectfully submitted this 17th day of October, 2001.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lee R. Osman", is written over a horizontal line.

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